

ORDER SHEET
WEST BENGAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL
Bikash Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700 091.

Present-

THE HON'BLE SAYEED AHMED BABA, OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER,

Case No. - **OA 188 OF 2024**

SUNIL KUMAR DEY - Vs - THE STATE OF WEST BENGAL & OTHERS

Serial No. and
Date of order

For the Applicant : Mr.G.Mallik
Advocates

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18.11.2024

For the State Respondents : Mr. Gourav Haldar
Advocate

The matter is taken up by the Single Bench pursuant to the order contained in the Notification No. 638-WBAT/2J-15/2016 (Pt.-II) dated 23rd November, 2022 issued in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 5 (6) of the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985.

On consent of the learned counsels for the contesting parties, the case is taken up for consideration sitting singly.

The applicant had retired as Sub-Inspector of Police working under Special Superintendent of Police (I) Intelligence Branch on 30.06.2017. His PPO was issued on 22.05.2017 and the revised PPO was issued to him on 10.08.2021 incorporating the benefits of ROPA 2019. The contention of the applicant is that though he was entitled to receive such revised payment earlier, but the same was released to him after 22 months from the date of effect of ROPA 2019 and it was paid without interest for the delayed payment of his revised pensionary benefits.

Mr.Haldar, learned counsel submits that the applicant who was required to furnish an application in Annexure-I form did so before the respondent authorities only on 04.06.2020. In terms of such a document, the respondent No. 1 submitted a proposal before the Office of the Principal Accountant General on 05.06.2020 itself. Therefore, there was no delay on part of the respondent authorities.

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Mr.Haldar further submits that all arrear benefits were disbursed to the applicant well in time. He also indicates if any delay had occurred at all, then the reason for such delay was COVID-19 restrictions during that period. Submission is that as per extant rule, the applicant is not entitled to receive any interest on release of arrears on revised pension.

Let the matter appear under the heading "For Orders" on 9th April, 2025.

(SAYEED AHMED BABA)
OFFICIATING CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBER (A)

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